

## DEADHEADS HAVE MANY RUSES

Shuberts Have Decided to Shut Down on Them Hereafter.

FROM ALL WALKS OF LIFE

FLAGRANT ABUSE OF PRIVILEGE CAUSED THE STEP TAKEN.

New York, April 16.—The announcement which recently came from the office of the Shuberts that the free list was to be discontinued has given rise to considerable speculation as to the reasons. It seems that flagrant abuses of the pass privilege had occurred, even to the extent of the forging of the signatures of Lee Shubert and others to "fake" passes. It was this last blow which decided him to discontinue the use of the pass privilege.

"I think probably few people know the ramifications of the free ticket business," he said. "As I sit at my desk there is a steady stream of letters and telephone messages and callers representing people who are all bent on getting themselves and one or two others in to see the show for nothing. And the reasons they give why they should receive this courtesy!

Wait till I tell you! There's the man who writes gushy letters praising the show and the wonderful talent that he hears is being exhibited nightly behind our footlights. He is an assistant editor on 'The Binghamville Daily Informer,' and he won't let me go without coming trip to New York he might receive the tremendous courtesy. . . . etc.

Bushels of these come in every day. Then there is the unknown stranger who comes in with what they call in the printing business a dummy; that is, a book of first proofs of some paper or magazine not yet published. Such a man will say that he represents a new company forming to issue a magazine of which this is to be the first number, and so forth and so on, and that they intend to include dramatic criticisms. Would I find it possible to put them on a free list, to send tickets to every so often? Sometimes we find it policy to agree to do this, and queer things result from it. A story came out a short time ago that an office boy working on a suburban newspaper was suing his employer for his salary. He stated that all he was drawing now was so many theatre tickets a week, and not a cent in cash.

"Some people in writing to us for tickets send three or four letters, one to each likely person around the theatre-box office man, press agent, manager and leading actor. Of course, all such letters are sent to me, and I am free to guess whether the applicant did this to get eight or ten tickets to resell or just to make his chances stronger of obtaining two.

"The out-of-town editor who has come to New York for a day or so and never thought to bring his credentials with him is another kind of man who comes in and wonders if we would be so kind as to favor him. One cannot be too careful with this kind, because often he is genuine and is entitled to what courtesy we can grant him.

"But there are lots and lots of fakers coming in all the time. Just at present there is a manicure girl going around from one theatre to another, begging seats on the ground that she represents a southern daily newspaper. When she came in here it struck me that she did not look like a correspondent for any paper, and I was interested enough in proving whether I was a shark or not to have her looked into. She has a job on Broadway somewhere—as a nail polisher, you know. What do you think of it? And I believe she doped out quite a few

seats with her 'southern daily' story. "About the funniest thing that ever came my way, though, happened a few days ago. A man walked in here and asked for me, sending in his card and saying his business was very pressing. I had him shown in and asked him what we could prescribe for him. 'Well,' he said, looking around the office, 'I called to see if you would give me a couple of tickets for tomorrow night.' I inquired on what ground he asked for this courtesy, and he replied, 'Oh, no ground whatever. I just heard that you often gave out tickets here, and I thought I would like to get a couple!'

"But the most interesting class of dead-head I have here," he continued, "is the one who is willing to pay to be one. Paradoxical, rather, but he is the man who wants to pay before his friends as being on the inside in the theatre business. You want to go to a show tonight?" he will say to his companion; "all right, I'll send you a brace of seats. Then he meers around to the box office, buys the seats, asks the man to punch them with the 'complimentary' stamp, and he then sends them to his friends, or friend by special messenger. Why, a man came in here to my office one afternoon with two subscription seat coupons and asked me to exchange them for complimentary tickets with the stamp on. He had promised 'comps' to a friend, he explained.

"There is another dodge that puzzled me somewhat when I first came up against it. It is this: Every day the box office receives a number of postcards from people the theatre has never heard of refusing our kind offer of a box or orchestra seat. Of course, such an offer was never made. And a slight variation on the same theme refuses with thanks our proposition of an engagement with the company at such and such a salary—say \$300 a week, or something rather fat like that. These are always written on postcards.

"Just by chance one day I found out the meaning of this. I was in a tailor shop, being fitted, when a big man swung in and said he wished to order a suit. When the measurements had been taken and choice of goods made the tailor, not knowing the man, asked for a deposit. 'Oh, I'm afraid I can't give it to you,' he said. 'I've only got a few dollars with me and I shall need them before I go home. But it will be all right. And, I say, can you let me have a pen for a minute? I want to send you a line to my friend. Then he whipped out a postcard, wrote a few scrawls, and calling out, 'My good fellow, let your boy mail this for me, will you?' he sauntered out. The boy read the note, of course, and told his boss that the newcomer must be all right, as the postcard just turned out down a \$500-a-week job at the theatre of which I, you see, am the manager.

"Fairly clever way to inspire confidence when you want to go in debt, isn't it? And as for the man who declines seats and boxes never offered, he does that just to impress some acquaintance he is lunching with.

"This year's special development in deadheads is the newspaper man from the west or south who is acting as courier for a batch of country girls who have won the beauty contest on his paper and who are being sent on a trip at the paper's expense. Will we kindly accommodate them at this afternoon's performance. Sometimes, mind you, there are as many as fifty beauties who are desirous of honoring our show without paying.

"But theatres are not the only places that have heard of deadheads. There is probably no business that has not to do with them. There is a large cocoa manufacturing house in New York that gets such letters as this from ministers: 'Please send me a liberal quantity of samples of your cocoa as soon as possible. My wife is giving an afternoon affair next week, and as she is going to serve cocoa it would be a great accommodation to us as well as a good opportunity of advertising your brand in our town.'

A drug manufacturing concern frequently receives the following sort of application from physicians: 'Kindly send to the drug store whose address I inclose and who puts up my prescriptions as large a quantity of samples of your quinine extract as you can spare.' Inquiry into the latter variety of appeal has revealed the fact that the sample drug is used in putting up prescriptions and that the practitioner who asked

for it is a shareholder of the drug store's profits. The transportation deadhead has been cut down greatly since the interstate commerce law was enforced. But there are a few varieties left. For instance, when a consignment of cattle is sent by rail a drover is sent deadhead to care for them. But the road stipulates that in case of any accident to the train, causing either injury or death to the free passenger, no damages are to be claimed against the company on his account. In the old days boxes of oranges used to come up from Florida marked "D.H." having been sent by the employe of a southern railroad to some lucky friend who lived up north far from the orange groves. But that no longer goes. The only kinds of freight that get free passage are, first, the household furniture of an employe removed by order of the road from one city to another, and second, goods of any kind sent by a charity society in one part of the country as gifts to needy ones in some other part.

An interesting story is told, though, of a man who ran a political campaign paper here one fall. A certain express company offered him the privilege of sending anything he desired in the way of packages through its facilities. It gave him a note to that effect. Not caring for the privilege, he sold the note for \$120 to a friend who could make good use of it.

Even the government itself is tormented by the deadheads. In fact, it has a great deal more to do with them than one would suspect. Helpless Americans abroad are the dread of America's foreign consular offices. Many of them have had to be sent home at the government's expense. Then there are cases like that of the insane Russian woman found in the streets of Chicago one night, alone and almost unclad. She was taken into custody, a trained nurse was hired, and the two were sent as far as the borderland of Russia. There the mad woman turned her helpless charge loose in the open country and returned to Chicago, the expense of the whole trip being put up by the United States government. Nor is this the only government that provides free transportation. Bavaria will bring back to their homes any emigrants who write to her from foreign shores that they are sick or destitute and wish to return.

The possibilities of getting something for nothing are greater for the man of quick wit than for the conscientious plodder. These was the case of a railroad employee who received a harsh letter from his chief discharging him. The letter was so badly written that the only thing that was not familiar with the chief's chirography could decipher was the signature. This note the discharged employee, as a pass on all lines for several years, nor can one forget the young Irish policeman just appointed to the force. He sent to church in plain clothes, but when the plate was passed for seat money he absent-mindedly threw open his coat to show his shield.

"That fellow's going deadhead to heaven," muttered the usher.

PAINTERS GIVE BENEFIT.

Proceeds of Annual Ball Will Aid Injured Men.

The eleventh annual ball of Painters' local No. 77, at I. O. O. F. hall last night, was turned into a benefit for Harry Barnett and Eugene Wilkins, two members of the order, who were quite badly injured as the result of falling from a scaffold while painting a house last week, and who are in Holy Cross hospital. There was a large crowd out to enjoy the dancing, music for which was furnished by Larson's orchestra, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, at the same time a substantial sum being raised to be turned over to the men. Local No. 77 was organized on April 17, 1899, but because of the anniversary falling on Sunday, it was decided to hold the ball on Saturday night.

Of course there will never be an issue of this newspaper in which every classified ad will be worth while for YOU to answer. Neither, probably, will there ever be an issue of this newspaper in which there is not at least one or two want ads that ARE worth your while to answer.



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## NEW BOOKS ADDED TO LIBRARY

The following forty-seven volumes will be added to the Public Library Monday morning, April 18, 1910:

- Miscellaneous.
- Bennett—Problems in Mechanical Drawing.
- Brownell—American Prose Masters.
- Byrce—Hindrances to Good Citizenship.
- Carus—Philosophy as a Science.
- Catholic Encyclopedia, vol. 8 (reference).
- Cobbett—Reformation.
- Coggins—Stories Worth Telling.
- Crashaw—Problems in Furniture Making.
- Dealey—Sociology.
- Gillette—Earth Work and Its Cost.
- Gillette—Rock Excavation.
- International Congress on Tuberculosis Proceedings, 8 vol.
- Loh—Egypt.
- Mathews—Kabbalah Unveiled.
- Nichols—Lessons in Lip Reading.
- Oliphant—Victorian Age in English Literature, 2 vol.
- Palmer—Central America and Its Prob-

lems.

Van Dyke—Spirit of America.

Valte—Doctrine and Literature of the Kabbalah.

Fiction.

Doubleday—Red House on Rowan Street.

Martin—Cross-ways.

Morris—Putting on the Screws.

Voyrich—Interrupted Friendship.

Weale—Human Coward.

Children's Books.

Bancroft—Games for the Playground.

Home, School and Gymnasium.

Bay—Danish Fairy and Folk Tales.

Ellis—Uncrowning of a King.

Gilder—American Idea.

Henty—In Freedom's Cause.

Houston—Electricity Made Easy.

MacManus—Our Little Dutch Cousin.

Madison—Daughter of the Union.

Morrison—Chilhowee Boys.

Sioux—Electric Toy Making.

Sloane—Electricity Simplified.

Sloane—How to Become a Successful Electrician.

Tomlinson—British Isles.

Wheeler—Boy With the U. S. Survey.

Yates—Through the Woods.

The want ad that's "personal"—practically so—in its interest to you is pretty certain to be in this issue.

## PAY LAST SAD TRIBUTE TO GEORGE HENRY RICHENS

The funeral of George Henry Richens, for over twenty years superintendent of bridges and bridge building for the Oregon Short Line, with headquarters at Pocatello, whose death occurred Thursday at his home, 851 Washington avenue, this city, was held yesterday afternoon from the Masonic temple, Mt. Moriah lodge No. 3, F. & A. M., being in charge, Rev. P. A. Simpkins, master of the lodge, preached the sermon. Mr. Richens was a member of Portneuf lodge No. 13 of Pocatello, and was well known in local Masonic circles. He is survived by several children, two of whom are in the employ of the Utah Light & Railway company.

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## DIED.

SMITH—At Bingham Canyon, April 16, 1910, H. E. Smith, killed by accident. Remains are at the parlors of E. H. W. Hall, Bingham Canyon, awaiting word from his wife.

Notice of funeral later.

## FUNERALS.

The funeral services over the remains of Lee Johnston will be held from Knights of Pythias hall on Sunday, April 17, 1910, at 3 p. m., under the auspices of Canlanthe-Myrtle Lodge No. 1, K. of P., in place of the Murray ward meeting house. Friends are invited to attend. Interment will take place in Salt Lake City cemetery.

The funeral services over the remains of the late Robert N. Graham, aged 23 years, will be held in the Mill Creek ward meeting house Monday at 2 p. m., in place of the Murray ward meeting house. Friends are invited to attend. Interment will take place in Salt Lake City cemetery.

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